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Open Session Meeting Minutes

**Department of Military Affairs
Classroom 230**

**Wednesday, August 16, 2006
10:07 a.m. – 11:12 a.m.**

Members present: Chair Major General Albert Wilkening (DMA), David Collins (WSP), Dr. Sheri Johnson (DHFS), Amy Smith (DNR), Johnnie Smith (WEM), Dave Steingraber (OJA), and Jim Warren (DCI).

Members Absent or Excused: David Heinle (CapPol), and Judy Ziewacz (DATCP).

Alternates present: Tom Anderson (DHFS), Mike Kunesh (OJA), David Pabst (WSP), Steve Peterson (WEM), Robin Schmidt (DATCP), and David Woodbury (DNR).

Others present: Randi Milsap (DMA Legal Counsel), Lynn Rasmussen (DMA staff), Colonel Mark Mathwig (DMA staff), Lori Getter (WEM staff), Ed Gleason (DHS Protective Security Advisor - Wisconsin), Greg Engle (OJA staff), Ryan Sugden (OJA PIO), Richard K. Ruminski (FBI - Milwaukee), Mark Winscher (FBI - Madison), Thomas Trier (FBI - Madison), Erik Peterson (U.S. Attorney – Western District), Rob London (DET staff), Ty Letto (DET staff), Kent MacLaughlin (WEM), Brian Rybarik (Wisconsin State Telecommunications Association) and Jeff Wiswell (Badger Sheriffs Assn) joined the meeting.

Quorum present.

10:07 a.m. – Convene in open session.

After convening in open session, the Council took a short break.

10:18 a.m. – Re-Convene in open session.

5. Announcements of Closed Session Discussion Action.

Chair Wilkening announced that the minutes for the July 19, 2006 closed session meeting were approved. Each agency provided its classified intelligence report and the Critical Infrastructures and National Asset Database Report were discussed.

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6. Review and Approval of July 19, 2006 Open Session Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Dave Collins and seconded by Jim Warren to approve the minutes from the July 19, 2006 open session meeting minutes. **Motion carried.**

7. Invited First Responder Updates.

- Kenosha County EM Director (Ben Schliesman): As an update, the upcoming WEMA Conference will be held on November 8, 2006. The location will either be the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells or the Sheraton in Madison. The pre-training session will be held on November 6-7, 2006. The keynote speaker will be Chet Lunner, Assistant Secretary for State and Local Government – Preparedness.
- Badger Sheriffs Assn (Sheriff Pedley): Nothing.

8. Briefing by DET on the new State of Wisconsin Portal.

Presentation by Rob London and Ty Letto. See Attachment # 1, 8/16/06 HLS Open Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Jim Warren and seconded by Amy Smith for the Wisconsin Department of Administration to make the creation of the Emergency Public Information Center portion on the State of Wisconsin Portal a priority. **Motion carried.**

10:40 a.m. Rob London (DET staff) and Ty Letto (DET staff) departed.

9 & 10. Executive Briefing by WEM on NIMS Compliance Training & Discussion and possible action on purchase and distribution of communications equipment.

Presentation by David Steingraber and Mike Kunesh. The State Interoperability Council has met and preliminarily approved a technical plan. There appear to be no objections to the technical piece of the Plan; however, the operation piece of the Plan will be more critical. We are approximately half completed with access to emergency aid channels. We have released about \$5.5M in funding for radio upgrades. We have upgraded about 10,000 radios. We will now begin to look at multi-jurisdiction areas. Wisconsin has achieved a basic level of interoperability across the State.

10:44 a.m. Jeff Wiswell (Badger Sheriff's Association) arrived.

- WSP (Dave Collins): Only three states have achieved true interoperability. We need to have the full commitment at the local, State and Federal levels. It is a long-term plan of 4-7 years to reach the true interoperability goal statewide.
- Regional Response Team Network (Neil Cameron): I am also a member of the State Interoperability Council. The operational plan is the real key and perhaps the most contentious because we will be working with standards and operating practices. There are many steps to the process.

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11. Review of 2006 State Homeland Security Grant Program Budget.

Presentation by Mike Kunesh and Greg Engle. See Attachment # 2, 8/16/06 HLS Open Meeting Minutes. Mike briefly summarized the budget. There are four grant programs in 2006 budget. There are specific allocations for each grant program. Prioritize. We made cuts to keep within the allocations. There is an 80% pass thru. Information must be submitted to DHS by the end of August.

10:55 a.m. Richard K. Ruminski (FBI), Mark Winscher (FBI), and Thomas Trier (FBI), departed.

12. Update on WMD/Pandemic Flu Exercise Scheduled for September 8, 2006.

Presentation by Tom Anderson. The Governor's Memorandum of Understanding, signed in March 2006 at the Pandemic Summit, directed a State Agency table-top exercise which will be held on September 8, 2006. The purpose of the State agency table-top exercise is to get agencies thinking about their role during a Pandemic regarding: 1) Command, Control and Communications; 2) NIMS compliance; and 3) Risk Communications component. This exercise is being funded by Phase I of the pandemic funding. We will submit a Phase II budget shortly. There is limited seating and participation at this exercise. This table-top exercise is designed to exercise the medical surge, the mass immunization component and the COOP, to include coping with employee absenteeism.

- WEM (Steve Peterson): An exercise train-up for the participants was conducted on August 8, 2006.
 - Chair Wilkening: We will present our annual report to the Governor during the table-top exercise. We are working out the details. We will attempt to include the media in the wrap-up.
 - WEM (Lori Getter): We are working on the annual report. We will be sending out the final draft of the report for review.

13. Update on MABAS and Disaster Assistance Fund Administrative Rules.

Presentation by Randi Milsap. Six public hearings are being held August 14-17, 2006 throughout the state. The final reports on both Administrative Rules are due to the Legislature by August 31, 2006.

14. Update on Workgroup Relating to Sensitive Drinking Water Infrastructure Information.

Presentation by Amy Smith. Three individuals working the issue: Amy Kasper, David Steingraber and Amy Smith. We met three weeks ago. We will have something for the Council in the next month or two.

15. Other Business.

- Badger Sheriff's Assn (Jeff Wiswell): 1) We just held our annual conference, which the Governor attended. The Association President, Sheriff Mike Weisenberger who is with the LaCrosse County

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Sheriffs Department, is retiring. Sheriff Larry Zarletti, is currently the Vice President and will move up. 2) The Wisconsin Wing of the Civil Air Patrol recently went through a very strict AF inspection. Out of the 64 Wing Inspections, Wisconsin was ranked #1. They received an "Outstanding" rating. The Wisconsin Homeland Security Council's actions helped contribute to this success. The Mobile Command Post is an essential asset. The Wisconsin Civil Patrol used this asset to provide Hurricane Katrina support. We have a new system called "ARCHER". The system looks at colors and images; the cameras shoot images to the computer which allow us to match and work with other partners. The offer was made to take any Council member (or alternate) up in the air to look at the system. 3)

- WSP (Dave Collins): There is a new President of the Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association – Dan Vergin who is part of the DC Everest police force.
- Wisconsin State Telecommunications Assn (Brian Rybarik): See Attachment # 3, 8/16/06 HLS Open Meeting Minutes. Aerodym Wireless is creating an Emergency Alert System.
- DATCP (Robin Schmidt): 1) Thanks to the 54th Civil Support Team for their visit to DATCP on August 15, 2006. 2) Agro-Partnership monies will end in April 2007. 3) We will be pursuing a multi-state exercise; one for the northern states and one for southern states. 4) There is a 1 ½ day meeting yet this year in Kansas City, where the State General Counsels will be looking at state liability issues.

16. Set date, time and place of next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on September 20, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. at the Department of Military Affairs.

17. Adjournment.

A motion was made by David Steingraber and seconded by Jim Warren to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried.**

11:12 a.m. – Meeting Adjourned.